



2nd February 2024

St Chad's Catholic Primary School Weekly Newsletter

Dear Parents,

It's been a pleasure to welcome many new families over the last few months. You are clearly spreading good news about St Chad's, and the wonderful work that goes on in our community. Thank you most sincerely for your support.

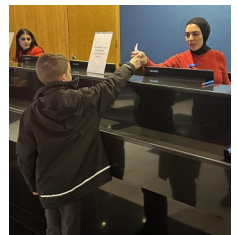
The St Chad's Governing Body works hard behind the scenes to provide support and challenge to school leaders under the stewardship of the Chair of Governors— Yvonne Ndifor. We have several vacancies for foundation governors and would draw your attention to the further information below.

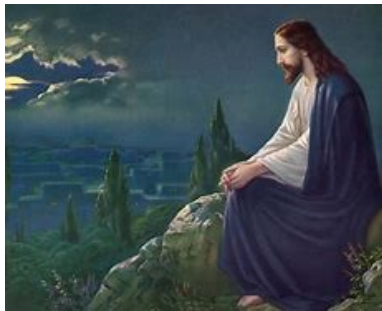
Have a blessed weekend,

Mrs Vassallo and Staff

Yr5's Trip to the Metro Bank

Year 5 visited the Metro bank in Croydon on Tuesday to experience a fun way of learning about money, saving and finance. They got to practice using an ATM, go into a bank vault and pretend to pay in money, at the counter. They really enjoyed counting coins at the Magic Money Machine. Year 5 were then encouraged to create a saving plan.





The Wednesday Word

THE GOSPEL IN CHURCH

Sunday 4th February 2024

On leaving the synagogue, Jesus went with James and John straight to the house of Simon and Andrew. Now Simon's mother-in-law had gone to bed with fever, and they told him about her straightaway. He went to her, took her by the hand and helped her up. And the fever left her and she began to wait on them. That evening, after sunset, they brought to him all who were sick. The whole town came crowding round the door, and he cured many who were suffering from diseases of one kind or another; he also cast out many evil spirits, but he would not allow them to speak, because they knew who he was. In the morning, long before dawn, he got up and left the house, and went off to a lonely place and prayed there.

Adapted from Mark 1:29-39

Foundation Governor Roles at St Chad's

Background

The governing body's responsibility is to work in partnership with the school's senior leaders to promote continuous improvement in the performance of the school, whilst developing its Catholic ethos. This involves establishing a development plan; setting challenging, but achievable targets; interpreting information to assess progress and supporting Christ-centred and Christ-like teaching and learning for all.

The governing body has statutory responsibility for overseeing the school's financial viability and is the employer of all staff. Aligned to its improvement role, the governing body is there to be a 'critical friend', providing the right balance between supporting and challenging the performance of both the leadership team and the school.

There are different routes by which different types of governors are appointed and there are rules regulating the composition of the governing body. However, once appointed, all governors have equal status, regardless of the category under which they have been appointed. The role of governor is a voluntary one and is unpaid.

Foundation governors are appointed by the Archbishop to ensure the school's particular character is preserved and developed. As such, all foundation governors must be practising Catholics.

Our appeal to you

We wish to appoint to a number of foundation governor positions. If you are a practising Catholic and would like to help St Chad's on the next stage of its development, I would love to hear from you. Please email the school office (office@stchadsprimaryschool.com) marked for the attention of Mrs Vassallo. Thank you.



Fr David's Visit

On Wednesday Fr. David from St John's Church in Kensel Green came in to talk to Yr2,3,4 & 6 about a tryptic he had commissioned for his church. He spoke about St Martin and St Josephine, and about the image of the Windrush which features in the main panel. The children were really interested and asked pertinent questions.



Health warning about vaping– message from the Police and Public Health

The Metropolitan Police has contacted Public Health raising serious concerns in relation to vaping. A small number of vapes have been found to contain dangerous and addictive substances such as 'Spice' and high levels of TBC, the psychoactive chemical found in cannabis. 'Spice' is a nickname for a substance containing one or more synthetic cannabinoids.

Earlier this week, in the London region, vapes containing 'Spice' resulted in five young people aged 14-16 being hospitalised with relatively serious health harms. There were other recent incidents of vapes containing cannabis or 'Spice' from areas elsewhere in the country. In the latest London incident, the vape was a blue and purple coloured rechargeable metal vape device labelled 'Vapresso', which held blue liquid residues within a clear plastic chamber of a silver and black cartridge. Please be aware of these potential health threats.

Yr5 Wetlands Centre

Yr5 children had a great day at the Wetland Centre, they experienced the beauty of nature and learnt about Ava's adventures. The staff commented on how enthusiastic and well behaved the children were. A highly recommended trip for all the family.



Safeguarding

The wellbeing of our children is of paramount importance to all staff. Should any parent have a concern regarding a child's wellbeing, please inform the school's Designated Safeguarding officer: Mrs P Mitchener.

We also have three Deputy Designated Safeguarding Officers: Mrs Davern, Mrs Mooney and Mrs Vassallo. In cases where school staff have concerns, they have a statutory duty to discuss the issue with one of the Designated Safeguarding Officers to seek further advice.

Please look at the following links to help you protect your children whilst they are online. We know that this is an area that parents often find confusing and ask us for support with.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/#children>

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/inappropriate-explicit-content/>





Reception at the Horniman Museum

St Ann's Class visited the Horniman Museum on Wednesday, where they explored the Natural History Gallery, the Music Gallery and World Gallery. They saw many artefacts from a long, long time ago. They also visited the aquarium and the butterfly house where they got to see butterflies all around them in their natural habitat. Finally, they got to see real animals on the little farm and we played in the Sensory Music Garden.



Roblox - Important Reminder

This week some children have been heard talking about using Roblox and the chat function in the playground. Please ensure that you supervise who your child is talking to (ideally they should not be using the chat function), and have all the relevant parent settings activated.



Year 6 Visit to the Globe Theatre

Year 6 Visited the Globe theatre today, as part of their Macbeth English study. They had the opportunity to tour the Globe Theatre and watch rehearsals for an upcoming play.

They then engaged in an acting workshop with a current actress from the Globe, who taught them how to be Shakespearian actors! It was a great way to bring the play to life.



Yr3/4 Volcanoes

As part of our topic on the Earth, we have been looking at volcanoes. Using a number of household items the children were able to make a chemical reaction that looked like a volcano had exploded. As you can image, much fun was had.



Mobile Phones– A polite reminder, again

We would like to remind you that the use of mobile phones is prohibited on school site. Therefore, when dropping off or collecting your child, please ensure your mobile phone is away and not in use. Several parents have raised concerns recently, that they have seen mobile phones being used on the school playground.



This is to ensure the safety of all of the children at St Chad's Primary school and is part of our safeguarding policy.

These rules apply to all people that come onto school site, including older siblings coming to collect, St Chad's staff members and other visitors.

Attendance

Regular attendance at school is vital so that children can progress in their learning and friendships.

If your child is unwell, please leave a message on the answer phone or email the office by **8am**. The office staff check registers and must follow up on any unexplained absences by 9.15am, so your cooperation with this is appreciated.

Routine medical and dental appointments should be scheduled for outside school time. Holidays in school time cannot be authorised.

St Martha and St James are our best attenders this week- well done!

| 22/01/2024 - 26/01/2024 | | |
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| Registration Group | Attendance % | Punctuality (lates) % |
| St Mary Nur | 95 | 0.4 |
| St Peter Rec | 93.3 | 0.5 |
| St Anne Rec | 95.9 | 0 |
| St Elizabeth Y1 | 98.7 | 0.7 |
| St Martha Y2 | 99.3 | 1.1 |
| St John Paul Y2 | 96.8 | 0.4 |
| St John Bosco | 97.4 | 1 |
| St Martin | 98.7 | 1 |
| St Catherine | 96.7 | 1.7 |
| St Andrew Y5 | 98.5 | 1.5 |
| St James Y5 | 100 | 0 |
| St Therese Y6 | 98.6 | 1.4 |
| St Brigid Y6 | 99.6 | 1.8 |
| Totals | 97.6 | 0.9 |

Attendance Ladder

How close is your child to 100%?

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| 0 days off school | 100% | Perfect! |
| Equates to 2 days off school each year | 98% | Excellent |
| Equates to 13 days off school each year | 93% | Good |
| Equates to 22 days off school each year | 88% | Concerned |
| Equates to 32 days off school each year | 83% | Very Concerned |
| Equates to 47+ days off school each year | 75% or Below | Extremely Concerned |



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| St Elizabeth | Fabiola, Julia |
| St Martha | Julia, Louis |
| St John Paul | Taylor, Mathilda |
| St John Bosco | Raymond, Carter J |
| St Catherine | Noah B, Bella |
| St Martin | Jason, Arianna |
| St James | The whole class |
| St Andrew | Shayden, Khadel |
| St Therese | Alan, Dorcas |
| St Brigid | Jazz-Rae, Viktoria |

Gospel Value

Love



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|---------------|-----------------------------|
| St Elizabeth | Eliroa, Chelsea |
| St Martha | Alexis, Diadem |
| St John Paul | Joachim, Eloise |
| St John Bosco | Moyin, Emmanuel, Leila |
| St Catherine | Anastasia, Georgia, Anaiyah |
| St Martin | Shalom, Oliver |
| St James | Joshua, Selasi, Evans |
| St Andrew | Nicolle, Ella |
| St Therese | Amelia, Theresa |
| St Brigid | Alexandra, Maya |

Next week at St Chad's

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| Monday 5 February | Children's Mental health Week—My Voice Matters |
| Tuesday 6 February | General knowledge quiz 10am-11am @ St Aidan's |
| Wednesday 7 February | |
| Thursday 8 February | |
| Friday 9 February | INSET. School closed to pupils. |

ROUND TOWERS
YOUTH SECTION

**GAELIC FOOTBALL
TASTER SESSIONS**

BOYS & GIRLS 8YRS – 16YRS

FREE!

Trinity School
Addiscombe Road
Croydon
CR9 7AT

Every Wednesday
From 7th Feb
5.45pm - 7.00pm

FOR MORE INFO:
Danny O'Donovan 07796 934748
Timmy O'Donovan 07809 642060

REQUIRED:
TOP, SHORTS, SOCKS, & TRAINERS
(NO FOOTBALL BOOTS WITH STUDS)



It was great to see so many parents join Mrs Cowmey and Mrs Davern for coffee this morning. The focus was on supporting speech and language, identifying any concerns and how to seek support.



The next coffee morning is to be led by a Croydon Educational Psychologist, who is going to talk about communication and play with children. This will be held on **Tuesday 5th March at 9.00am. Please note the change to the usual day.**